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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 109**

**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES**

**“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES

**RAV KOOK: ERETZ YISRAEL IS THE LAND
OF OUR LIFE, IN EVERY WAY, WHETHER
NATIONAL, HISTORICAL, SOCIAL, OR
PERSONAL. EVEN IN THE ASPECT OF OUR
PHYSICAL WELL-BEING AND HEALTH**

"A generation ago, the Rabbi of Jerusalem was Rabbi Shmuel Salant, a great scholar, famous throughout the world. During his childhood, he lived in Lithuania, in the city of Salant. In his youth, he contracted tuberculosis. The greatest doctors feared for his life and nearly surrendered all hope. They recommended he travel to a certain healthy locale, between Egypt and Ethiopia. Perhaps there he could live many more years. Rabbi Salant said to them, 'This location is close to the Land of Israel. It is preferable to travel there.' Thus he journeyed to Jerusalem, where he lived to the age of ninety-three, serving as rabbi of the city for sixty years."

"Similarly, there was an important doctor, a well known researcher, neither religious, nor Zionist, yet he claimed that among the wide variety of diseases, there are certain sicknesses which occur more frequently among Jews. 'The reason is because we are Asians,' he said. 'We belong to the Land of Israel. In the Diaspora, we don't find a climate suited to us, and when this is compounded with a particular physical weakness, it takes its revenge.'"

(From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF “THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND” (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON